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SUMMARY: IN OCTOBER 1 ELECTION FOR VICE-CHAIRMEN CONTESTED BY NEPAL, CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND BELGIUM, SPC ELECTED FORMER TWO. QUESTION OF SOUTH AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENT PARTICIPATION DID NOT ARISE. FRENCH REQUESTED THAT ATOMIC RADIATION ITEM BE CONSIDERED BY SPC AGAIN THIS YEAR. END SUMMARY.

1. SPC ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OCTOBER 1 DEVOTED MOST OF SESSION TO ELECTION OF ITS TWO VICE CHAIRMEN. CONTEST WAS BETWEEN CANDIDATES OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA (SMID) AND BELGIUM (BASSETT), NEPALESE (SINGH) HAVING BEEN AGREE ON AS ASIAN CANDIDATE. RESULT WAS 100 VOTES FOR NEPALESE, 59 FOR CZECH AND 54 FOR BELGIAN. SINCE BASSETT EVIDENTLY DECLINED RAPPORTEUR POSITION, WEO'S WILL PUT FORWARD ANOTHER CANDIDATE FOR THAT POSITION AT END OF WEEK. SPC IS NOW IN UNUSUAL POSITION OF HAVING HUNGARIAN CHAIRMAN (SZARKA) AND ANOTHER EAST EUROPEAN AS VICE CHAIRMAN.

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2. AT END OF MEETING, FRENCH PROPOSED THAT ATOMIC RADIATION

ITEM, WHICH IT HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN AGREED WOULD BE CONSIDERED BY SPC ON ALTERNATE YEARS (I.E., NOT UNTIL 1974), BE INSCRIBED ON SPC AGENDA. FRENCH REQUESTED THAT UN SCIENTIFIC COMITE ON EFFECTS OF RADIATION SUBMIT SUPPLEMENT TO ITS REPORT OF LAST YEAR. CANADIAN DEL WONDERED IF COMITE WOULD, ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE, BE ABLE TO COLLECT NEEDED DATA AND PREPARED SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT IN TIME FOR SPC TO CONSIDER TI. COMMENT: SPC SECRETARY HERNDL TOLD US AFTER MEETING THAT FRENCH HAVE TRANSMITTED OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION TO GENERAL COMITE REQUESTING INSCRIPTION OF ITEM. WE ASSUME MANEUVER IS DESIGNED TO SEIZE SPC WITH QUESTION OF SOUTH PACIFIC TESTS, IN EFFORT TO AVOID POSSIBLE ACRIMONIOUS DEBATE ELSEWHERE.

3. CHAIRMAN OUTLINED FOLLOWING TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR SPC.

A. APARTHEID: DEBATE TO BEGIN OCT 9 AND LAST APPROXIMATELY THREE WEEKS; (CORRIDOR CONVERSATIONS INDICATE SOME LIMITED POSSIBILITY OF LIBERATION MOVEMENT PARTICIPATION COMING TO VOTE, BUT WE TEND DISCOUNT THIS.)

B. UNRWA: EARLY TO MID-NOVEMBER;

C. PEACEKEEPING: DEBATE TO LAST ABOUT ONE WEEK;

D. ISRAELI PRACTICES: TO LAST ABOUT ONE WEEK (AND PRECEDE PEACEKEEPING IF COMITE OF 33 REPORT NOT COMPLETED);

E. ATOMIC RADIATION, IF GENERAL COMITE AGREES TO FRENCH REQUEST TO REFER ITEM TO SPC.

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